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DEFENCE PROTOCOLS SIGNED BETWEEN INDIA AND RUSSIA
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India and Russia had recently signed defence protocols during the visit of the Russian President;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the extent to which the progress has been made in regard to said protocols; and

(d) the action taken by the Government to expedite the pending issues?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (d): No defence protocol was signed during the visit of the Russian President. However, the following protocols were signed during the visit of the Defence Minister of the Russian Federation, for the meeting of the India-Russia Inter Governmental Commission on Military Technical Cooperation on 24.1.2007:-

(i) Protocol of Intent for co-development and co-production of Multi Role Transport Aircraft.

(ii) Protocol of the Sixth meeting of India-Russia Inter-Governmental Commission on Military Technical Cooperation.

During the meeting both sides expressed satisfaction at the on-going level of defence exchanges and cooperation between the two countries including mechanisms to resolve pending issues.